

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Akira TSUKIHASHI, et al.

Serial No: 10/080,994

Filed: February 20, 2002

For: OPTICAL DISK RECORDING/REPRODUCING
METHOD AND APPARATUS IN WHICH RECORDING
PROPERTIES OF THE DISK ARE DETECTED WHEN
RECORDING SPEED IS CHANGED (Amended)

Art Unit: 2652

Examiner: M. V. Battaglia

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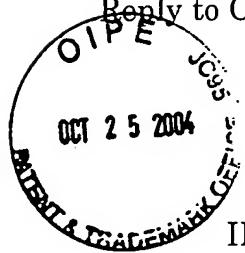
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.